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Susan M. Hudson, Clerk Vermont Public Service Board 112 State Street, Drawer 20 Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

re: docket 7466
Investigation Petition Filed by

Investigation Petition Filed by Vermont Department of Public Service re: Energy Efficiency Utility Structure – Phase 2

Dear Mrs. Hudson:

Enclosed please find comments of the Group of Municipal Electric Utilities on the Hearing Officer's Proposal for Decision in this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

David John Mullett

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COMMENTS OF THE GROUP OF MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES ON HEARING OFFICER'S PROPOSAL FOR DECISION

The Group of Municipal Electric Utilities (GMEU)* offers the following comments on the Hearing Officer's Proposal for Decision ("PFD") sent under cover letter of February 17, 2010.

- 1. Notification of OPA. The Proposal for Decision calls for notification of the OPA in electric bills, if the utility "billing systems can accommodate such notice." PFD at 2. As the Board is aware from prior dockets, many if not all of the GMEU systems have billing systems under which the placing of such notice would be difficult. Rather than forego such notice completely, GMEU would suggest that notice be posted in each of the GMEU member offices, as well as on the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority web site.
- 2. Timing of OPA notice. It is the GMEU's understanding that the April notification discussed above may be difficult given the lead time necessary for those utilities that can include the contemplated notice within their bills. GMEU would support an extension of the deadlines set forth at pages 3 and 4 of the PFD to the extent necessary to accommodate these concerns while still ensuring that this docket moves aggressively toward conclusion.
- 3. General evaluation criteria. GMEU accepts the general criteria for the OPA as set forth in the PFD. These criteria are narrow enough to provide reasonable focus to the analysis, and broad enough to ensure that reasonable issues and concerns can be addressed within the general framework of the criteria.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2010.

Group of Municipal Electric Utilities

By

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